

9th Grade Checklist

At this stage in the game, you're laying the foundation for your high school career. Freshman year is a time to establish your academic and extracurricular credentials. You should also begin to explore options for your career or further education.

FALL

- **Meet your counselor**
 - Your counselor is ready and willing to help you make sense of your college and career options. As soon as you can, set up a meeting to talk about your plans for high school and beyond.
- **Get involved**
 - Extracurricular activities (both school and non-school sponsored) are an important part of high school. Make the effort to get involved with groups, clubs, or teams that interest you. These activities are fun and make you a well-rounded student.

WINTER

- **Explore your interests and possible careers**
 - Discuss your skills and interests with your school counselor and take advantage of the numerous Career and Technical Educations (CTE) classes offered.

SPRING/SUMMER

- **Build your credentials**
 - Keep track of academic and extracurricular awards, community service achievements, and anything else you participate in, so it'll be easier to remember later. It will come in handy when you want to highlight your accomplishments - such as when you are filling out college applications or creating a resume.
- **Start learning about colleges and careers**
 - Look at the college and career information available in the Counselors' Office. Use the internet to check out college and career websites. Use a college search engine such as bigfuture.collegeboard.org to view college profiles. You may even want to start a list of colleges and careers that might interest you.
- **Make summer count**
 - There are plenty of ways to have fun and build your credentials during the summer, such as volunteering, getting a job, or signing up for an enrichment program.